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March 4, 2013

***RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45***

***PUCT Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation Pursuant to FTA '96 § 214(e) (2)***

***PUCT Docket No. 40498 – Petition of TexNet 4G for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Texas for the Purposes of Establishing Eligibility to Participate in the Mobility Fund Phase I Auction at the Federal Communications Commission***

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### **ETC Designation of TexNet 4G LLC**

Pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") and 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.201 – 54.203, on July 10, 2012, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) granted a conditional eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation to TexNet 4G, LLC (TexNet 4G or the Company) for the purpose of establishing eligibility to participate in the Mobility Fund Phase 1 auction at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that was held on September 27, 2012. The service area for which the Company's conditional ETC was granted was broad because the FCC had not indicated at the time what specific census blocks would be included in the Mobility Phase 1 auction. This



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letter is intended to provide the list of specific census blocks for which TexNet 4G was granted ETC designation.

On October 3, the FCC announced the winning bidders for Mobility Fund Phase 1 Auction (Auction 901). TexNet 4G, FRN 0021867999, was the successful bidder in 8 census blocks in Texas. The 8 census blocks for which TexNet 4G is designated as an ETC are listed in Attachment A to this letter.

Attached to the letter that the PUCT previously sent the FCC and USAC on July 10, 2012, was an affidavit from Mr. Gregory M. Casey, CEO of Texas Energy Network, LLC, parent company of TexNet 4G that attested to the company's intent to use the federal support it receives only for the intended purpose, consistent with § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act, and for provision of the designated services required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.101. TexNet 4G also submitted an affidavit during the annual certification process and was included in the PUCT's letter sent to the FCC and USAC on November 2, 2012.

If you require any additional information please contact me at (512)-936-7390.

Sincerely,

  
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cc: Attachment

# **ATTACHMENT A**

## **TexNet 4G Census Blocks**

<b>CENSUS BLK NBR</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>COMPANY</b>
T48013960500	TX	Atascosa	TexNet 4G, LLC
T48013960600	TX	Atascosa	TexNet 4G, LLC
T48127950200	TX	Dimmit	TexNet 4G, LLC
T48127950400	TX	Dimmit	TexNet 4G, LLC
T48163950100	TX	Frio	TexNet 4G, LLC
T48283950300	TX	La Salle	TexNet 4G, LLC
T48311950100	TX	McMullen	TexNet 4G, LLC
T48479001710	TX	Webb	TexNet 4G, LLC